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SUBJ: CIVAIR - NIGHT CURFEW AT LONDON HEATHROW

1. SCHEDULING COMMITTEE FOR HEATHROW AIRPORT HAS INFORMED ITS MEMBERS THAT UKG INTENDS LIMIT HEATHROW NIGHT JET MOVEMENTS (BETWEEN 2330 AND 0630 ON WEEKDAYS AND 2330 AND 0800 ON SUNDAYS) FOR PERIOD 1 NOV. TO 31 MARCH TO A TOTAL OF 2900. AIRLINES' DEMAND FOR SUCH MOVEMENTS SAID TO BE 3982, ALMOST 1100 MOVEMENTS IN EXCESS OF QUOTA. ALL CARRIERS HAVE BEEN ASKED COOPERATE BY REDUCING PLANNED MOVEMENTS BY ONE-THIRD.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM SEABOARD REP THAT SBW MAY BE ABLE REDUCE PLANNED MOVEMENTS FROM 343 TO 260 AND PANAM AND TWA ALSO REPORTEDLY PLAN MAKE SIZEABLE REDUCTIONS. WHETHER TOUGH, NEW LIMITS ON NIGHT JET MOVEMENTS AT HEATHROW WILL POSE SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR US CARRIERS WILL NOT BE KNOWN BEFORE OCT. 31 MEETING OF SCHEDULING COMMITTEE WHEN IT WILL REVIEW ALL CARRIER RESPONSES TO REQUESTED ONE-THIRD REDUCTION IN PLANNED MOVEMENTS.

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